

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 23**

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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~ CALLED BY CHRIST IN LOVE, TO LIVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION ~

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ’s mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.

If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.



Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik’s cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 10:15am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN’S	
8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9:15am	<i>Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Play, Intergenerational faith formation for families with children 1st grade and under in the Nursery</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12pm	<i>Youth Group</i>

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COME JOIN US

TODAY, OCTOBER 11

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| • Confirmation Class @ 1:45pm | Downstairs Meeting Room |
| • Prayer Partner Event @ 4:00pm | Parish Hall |

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 & MONDAY OCTOBER 19

- Women’s Shelter Meal Prep and Delivery

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- St. John’s 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

8AM
Gloria

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

For more information contact Cambria Van de Vaarst at music@stjec.org.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**
Food Pantry is always in need of donations, core items include: Cereal (large & small); Canned Chicken; Sardines; Pasta Sauce; Chef Boyardee; White Rice; Water, Shelf-stable Milk.

Please check the Bell Tower for the most urgent and up to date list.
Contact Mary McQueen or Julie Metcalf if you have any questions.

For all partners involved, the ministry reminds us that we are all one church, all beloved by God, and matter to God and each other regardless of our stage of life.

At its heart, this is about the openness to pray for your partner. You commit to check in with your partner, so you know what to pray for, and to let them know they are noticed and important. To intentionally bring together prayer partners, we offer four events a year, with prayer tools, and some good fun and fellowship, but no events are required. Ask any prayer partner about how it has formed and changed them.

- **CHILI COOK-OFF** (Saturday November 14th from 5-7:30pm)
Please save the date and start inviting friends, families, strangers, in-laws, and outlaws to our Third Annual Chili Cook Off!

The more guests we invite, the less the fundraising is on our shoulders. You can begin now by inviting others. We can all look forward to a fun evening of music, laughter, games, family fun, warm fire pits and GREAT Chili!

There will be a Dessert Sale and Gift Basket Auction during the Cook-Off to help with the fundraising.

Contact Deacon Nancy or check our website for more information on registration and volunteering as the event approaches!

- **MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S**

Wednesdays

6:30pm - 7:30pm, Youth Bells

7:15pm - 8pm, Adult Bells

Thursdays

4:30pm - 5pm, Cherub singers, age K - 2nd grade

5:15pm - 5:45pm, Choristers, age 3rd - 5th grade

6:30pm - 8pm, St. John's Choir, adults (open to 6th grade and up)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people are seated.

Exodus 32:1-14

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

People

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** (Today @ 1:45pm Downstairs Meeting Room)
Confirmation is a mature faith decision as a person takes responsibility for their baptismal vows and claims membership in the Episcopal Church.

Confirmation is open to youth - 8th grade and older - and adults. It is also appropriate for people who have been through confirmation at a younger age and/or a different denomination if they want to discern more about their current faith journey. Classes do not require Confirmation, but are a pathway of discernment of whether that sacrament is appropriate for them at this time.

Join us this afternoon for our first conversation on the course syllabus and plan.

- **PRAYER PARTNER EVENT** (Today @ 4:00pm Parish Hall)
Prayer Partners are an intergenerational pairing, a child, from 4 years old and older, and an adult, generally over the age of 50 or so. Since Covid, we have added an abundance of children. We need more adults who are open to taking on a prayer partner, (or a second prayer partner because your current partner has turned into a mentee).

People Thanks be to God.

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at parishadmin@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org

Oscar A.
Ricky T.
Jere Rowland
Harry Brooke
Carole
Ivy Choe-Branstetter
Steve Ruff
Mary Persinger
Dean Smith
Kerry W.

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your
people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Philippians 4:1-9

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Church in Philippi

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Deacon In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The people stand.

Celebrant and people.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:1-14)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

8AM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.
The people are seated.

Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The people stand.

The Rev. Henry McQueen

Let us join with those who are about to be baptized and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Onze Vader, die in de hemel zijt,
uw naam worde geheiligd.
Uw rijk kome,
uw wil geschiede,
op aarde zoals in de hemel.
Geef ons heden ons dagelijks brood,**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

8AM

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

People Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for Elle and Cruz who are to be baptized today.

For **Oscar, Ricky, Jere, Harry, Carole, Ivy, Steve, Mary, Dean and Kerry.**

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

People Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.